Adoption of Pollution Control Measures by Delhi

1461. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONEMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the News-item captioned "Delhi tops in poor pullution management CII study" as reported in the Statesman, dated 4th June, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the industries in the capital are topping in poor pollution control measures; and

(c) if so, reaction of the Union Government on such studies conducted by CII?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir, CII has not carried out any study specific to the pollution status in Delhi. However, CII has carried out a study to assess the Environmental Business Opportunities in India.

(b) Of the total pollution load in Delhi, vehicular sources contribute to about 64% thermal power plants 16% industries 12% and domestic and other sectors 8% out of a total of 1551 highly polluting industries in the large and medium sectors in the country. such industries are located in Delhi.

(c) As the CII Study is not specific to pollution status in Delhi, no immediate action is called for by the Government.

Average Length of Railway Track

1462. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the all-India average length of railway track per 10,000 of population;

(b) the average length of track per 10,000 of population in the North-Eastern States; and

(c) whether a time-bound programme has been drawn up to speed up railway expansion in Assam and other States in the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The all India average length of railway track (route kilometers) per 10,000 of population is 0.741 km.

(b) Average length of track (route kilometers) per 10,000 of population in the North-Eastern States comprising Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura is 0.770 km.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Allotment Rules for Accommodation in K.V. Sangathan

1463. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any rules governing allotment of residential accommodation to the teaching and non-teaching staff of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any relative priority in allotment between teaching and non-teaching staff posted in the Kendriya Vidyalayas and in the H.Q. Office; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (d) As per Allotment of Residences (Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan) Rules 1976, the allotment of

residences constructed for the employees of the Kendriya Vidyalaya are made in the following order of priority:

(i) Vice Principals
(ii) Post Graduate Teachers and corresponding grades
(iii) Trained Graduate Teachers and corresponding grades
(iv) Primary Teachers, other teaching and non-teaching staff

Separate residential accommodations are constructed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for Kendriya Vidyalays Sangathan (Head quarters) staff and Regional Office staff and the staff of the Kendriya Vidyalayas. As such there is no relative priority in allotment between teaching and non-teaching staff posted in the Kendriya Vidyalayas and the Headquarters.

Extension of Activities of Coconut Development Board

1464. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy decision has been taken to extend the activities of the Coconunt Development Board to the coconut growing areas of West Godavari and East Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such activities;

(c) whether any marketing tie-up has been finalised with the coconut farmers of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Coconut Development Board is implementing the following development programmes in East and West Godavari districts as well as in other potential coconut growing districts of Andhra Pradesh during the 8th Five Year Plan period;

(1) Expansion of area under coconut;
(2) Integrated farming in coconut holding for productivity improvement;
(3) Production and distribution of TXD hybrid seedlings;
(4) Integrated control of leaf eating catepillar;
(5) Establishment of DSP farms for coconut.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Railway Platforms in Gujarat

1465. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pelased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Stations in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government have any plan to construct new platforms during the Eighth Five Year Plan period at the Railway Stations in the State;

(c) if so, the details of the amount allocated for the purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) At the time of opening, all stations are provided with suitable number of platforms depending upon the anticipated operational requirements. Thereafter, adequacy of the existing platforms is reviewed periodically and additional platforms constructed when so required by traffic density/pattern subject to availability of funds.

(b) Railways do not maintain this information State/District-wise. However, work of provision of new platforms at 4 new crossing stations on Viramgam-Grand-hidham Section is proposed to be taken up during 1996-97 with an allocation of Rs. 60.88 lakh.